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SUBJECT: CEAUSESCU TRAVEL TO USSR

REFS: BUCHAREST 43946, SOFIA 1602

1. AT RECEPTION AUGUST 2 DANISH CHARGE, IN THREE-WAY CONVERSATION WITH DCM, ASKED ROMANIAN COUNSELOR VLAD POPA IF PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU WAS STILL TRAVELING. POPA SAID YES, CEAUSESCU HAD FLOWN TO VARNA FOR TALKS WITH BULGARIANS WHICH ROMANIANS CONSIDERED QUITE SUCCESSFUL. POPA THEN VOLUNTEERED THAT CEAUSESCU HAS CONTINUED HIS TRAVELS ARRIVING IN CHISINAU (KISHINEV) IN SOVIET MOLDAVIA THIS WEEK. WHEN DCM EXPRESSED HIS SURPRISE OVER CEAUSESCU'S VISITING FORMER BESSARABIA, POPA SAID WITH A GRIN THAT IT WAS INDEED TRUE. HE ADDED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE ROMANIAN LEADER WOULD CONTINUE ON TO THE CRIMEA FOR MORE VACATION.

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2. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS HAD NO OTHER INDICATION THAT CEAUSESCU

MIGHT BE VISITING SOVIET MOLDAVIA. WE PASS THIS INFORMATION ALONG FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH AND WONDER WHETHER CHISINAU MIGHT BE THE "UNDISCLOSED DESTINATION" REFERRED TO IN SOFIA'S 1602 WHEN CEAUSESCU HEADED "NORTHWARD."

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